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Dear Mr. Azzam,

Thank you for your letter of 4 June 1986 relating to the case of Aboud el Zumar.

I have spoken with our contacts in Egypt and have been told that several of the prisoners from the Jihad trial, and from the trial of those involved in the assassination of Sadat have been denied visits for several months.

I am expecting more information in the near future. On the strength of this Amnesty International will consider what it is able to do in this case.

I will inform you of any public action taken by the organization. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further information about this case.

Yours sincerely,

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Aboud el Zumar, a former officer in the Egyptian army, is serving a sentence of life imprisonment following his conviction for alleged plotting against the Egyptian regime.

Aboud el Zumar was last seen in his cell at Tora prison four months ago. Since then repeated requests from his family and lawyer to visit him have been refused, giving rise to a very strong rumour that he has in fact been liquidated. The Egyptian government, whilst denying this, has only to allow a visit for the rumour to be quashed. However, requests for visits continue to be refused.

We seek your cooperation in determining the fate of this political prisoner.

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam
Secretary General

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